

Executive Coaching:Enhancing Mission Performance

Presentation to Center Directors' Leadership Team

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Strategic Performance Management and Incentives Office
Office of Human Capital



Driving Forces

NASA is implementing executive coaching Agency wide as a part of its Strategic Human Capital initiative in response to the President's Management Agenda.

President's Management Agenda

OneNASA

Strategic Human Capital Plan (Leadership Pillar)

CAIB

Leadership Model

Executive Coaching

Culture Change



NASA's Coaching Capacity

NASA's strategy for developing coaching for mission results is three-fold:

Phase I
External Executive
Coaches
on contract*
Available Now

NASA's Coaching Capacity

Phase II

Coaching Skills Training for Executives, Managers, & Supervisors

Pilot in Summer 2005

*Available for SES/ST

Phase III

2 Certified Internal Coaches

 Coaching provided by HR Professionals

End of 2004

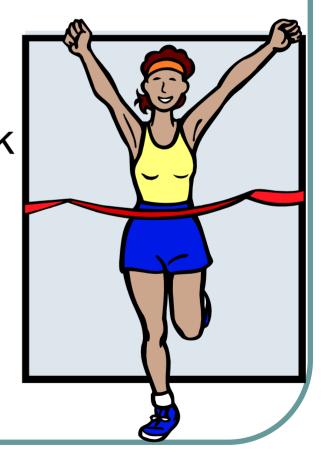
How to Request an External Executive Coach

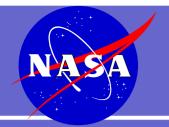
- Call Strategic Performance Management and Incentives Office – 544-1835
- Complete Preference Guide & Intake Questionnaires
- Preference Guide is sent to Headquarters COTR
- Cambria provides 2-3 resumes to Executive
- Executive reviews resumes & interviews potential Coach
- Executive estimates number of hours and expected outcomes from coaching relationship and contacts Center Program Coordinators
- Middle, final & 6 mo. follow-up assessment conducted by Coach



Executive Commitment

- Lead by example
- Champion
- Promote
- Provide on-going feedback to the coaching manager on the strategic perspective





Next Steps

Act Now!

- HQs is paying first-come, first-served
- Two Sessions of Coaching Skills Training for supervisors - late summer 2005
- Coaching overview presentations can be requested for divisions/management team

Executive Coaching

Back-up Charts

How does NASA define Executive Coaching?

The executive coaching employed by NASA is most often referred to as "business" or "professional" coaching.

- Business Coaching focuses on aligning individual and organizational goals to improve performance and mission results.
- A business coach helps individuals enhance existing capabilities, set meaningful goals, and be accountable for results.

Studies have shown that...

- Key staff can benefit from coaching in much the same way as athletes do by helping clients maximize performance by:
 - Clarifying goals
 - Developing action plans
 - Acquiring new skills
- Companies that provide coaching to executives have improved:
 - Productivity (53%)
 - Quality (48%)
 - Organizational strength (48%)
- Executives who received coaching have improved working relationships with:
 - Direct reports (77%)
 - Immediate supervisors (71%)
 - Peers (63%)



To Illustrate

Traditional Supervision	Mentoring	Consulting	Coaching
"I know how. Do it my way."	"My experience is."	"I know how. This is what you are paying me to do."	"How can I help you learn?"
"Do it this way."	"This is how I would do it."	"This is how to do it."	"What have you tried? How has that worked? What else can you try?"

The Commonalities – Mentoring & Coaching

Both mentors and coaches:

- equip employees with the tools they need to develop personally and professionally
- use same skills & roles (listening, probing, providing feedback, sharing, confronting and guiding)
- foster learning through self-discovery
- provide a safe learning environment



The Differences

Coaching

- Improving performance in one's current job
- Short-term
- Colleague, manager, peer or external consultant
- Content & process focused

Mentoring

- Overall focus on advancing one's career
- Long-term (1 year +)
- Outside one's chain of command
- Tends to be more process focused (shift thinking)